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Buffalo 17th April 1861.

Dear John

I received yours on Sunday was glad you are well
! but I was startled when I learned you wanted money and I have
got so very little of it. at present you got all I had in the bank
last time you got some excepting \$10. besides I have got all
in that any body owes me. and all I have is spent but about
\$18. and I do not want to sell any of my wheat yet. but
I have inclosed \$10. Hoping it will serve you untill I get
something more. let me know when you are in great distress
and I will try what I can do. Make ^{the money} all you can and save all
you can. give away all you can. borrow as little as you can.
you will find out that it is easier spending money. then making it
I should like you to be temperate but I would not like
you to starve yourself. that is I should like you to have
the real necessities of life if you should want the luxuries
of life I would not feel vexed about it. I wish you may
be loving your God much more then inventing machines
the world can want machines but you cannot want salvation
So well see then my son that You do all to the glory
of God by grace. you will find as you require constant
breathing in order to live so you will require constant
faith & prayer in order to live Spiritually Christ must
live in you that you may do good. Your Mother and
all the rest of us are well thank God for it. we are
all busy getting in the seed. I have bought a machine
for sowing wheat Oats & all kinds of grass seeds it is a great
help to us we can sow 8 & 9 acres per day with it amongst the
stumps. the price of it is 85 dollars but there is \$45 to pay yet
Yours Affectionally Dan Muir

Dear John

I am glad to know your health is pretty good in the midst of your difficulties I have no doubt you will get over them all, if you are spared. Margaret is a good deal better - she has received your letter but the one you sent to David Galloway is at our house yet, but I will send it the first chance - you guessed right about the maps. Dan sent it. I sometimes ^{think} you will make rather an awkward Housekeeper, as your experience in such matters was small before you left us, I hope you will be able to get the education you really want write often as we are always glad to hear from you

from your affectionate Mother

Please send a letter
as soon as this comes to
hand to let us know that
you have got the money safe
D. M.